

Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI)
DRAFT Minutes of Stakeholder Steering Committee Meeting
February 24, 2009

The RETI Stakeholder Steering Committee met at the California Energy Commission in Sacramento on February 24, 2009, beginning at 9:30 AM. Attendees are listed below. The meeting was accessible to observers via WebEx. Minutes were compiled by Dave Olsen.

The committee took the following actions:

1. **Approved minutes.** Minutes of the January 27, 2009 SSC meeting were approved.
2. **Added California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to the RETI Stakeholder Steering Committee.** Executive Order S-14-08 directs DFG to participate in RETI and the Renewable Energy Action Team (REAT); REAT is charged with developing and putting in place a Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan. There was unanimous agreement that DFG should join the SSC.

Scott Flint, DFG Program Manager for the Department's renewable energy support unit, will represent DFG on the SSC. The sense of the SSC was that it would be helpful for DFG to represent REAT as well in the RETI process. Mr. Flint will check this with the REAT agencies to see if they agree and will report at the next SSC meeting.

3. **Approved for posting an Update of the Phase 1B Final Report revising calculation of the Renewable Net Short, with one addition.** As directed at the January 27, 2009 SSC meeting, the Net Short used in RETI planning was recalculated: 1) to reflect LSE sales rather than total electric demand; and 2) to assume that the goals of PV incentive programs will be achieved in full by 2016, and that installations will continue at the same rate to 2020. This projection of PV deployment differs significantly from CEC forecasts in the Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR), which present a lower level of expected installation. RETI reports have employed CEC findings extensively. The SSC directed that a sentence be added to this Update explaining that the decision to use a higher projection of PV deployment was a unique case.
4. **Approved for posting an Update of the Phase 1B Final Report clarifying references to Green Path and Green Path North projects and affirming that RETI does not now endorse routings of any transmission project.** Further, the conceptual transmission plan now being developed treats the transfer capacity of several transmission projects as being in the base case (available before the start of RETI planning). The sense of the SSC was that RETI documents should further clarify the rules used to put these projects into the base case.
5. **Directed that the document, "California's Renewable Energy Goals--Assessing the Need for Additional Transmission Facilities," be posted as a guidance document, without public comment.** It was proposed to identify this as an SSC document. Each SSC member is to check with the organization or constituency s/he represents that this

attribution is acceptable and reply to the RETI Coordinators by March 11. If it is not unanimously acceptable, the document is to be identified as, "Prepared by RETI Coordinators at the Request of the SSC."

The Coordinators are directed to revise the document as necessary to ensure that the definition of Net Short is consistent throughout. They are further directed to add a note stating that the document is not endorsed by the CEC; and to consider: 1) creating an abstract of the document; 2) moving a summary of the cost impacts of meeting RPS goals with larger percentages of PV to the beginning; and 3) removing the name of the specific transmission project used as an example in the section on cost impacts.

6. **Accepted the invitation to attend a meeting of tribes hosted by the San Miguel Band of Mission Indians to discuss RETI.** The meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2009, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, in Highland, CA. Ten-twelve tribes in the San Bernardino and Riverside County areas are expected to attend. In addition to SSC member Dave Singleton, tribes have requested the following SSC members to participate: CEC, CPUC, SCE, and the two environmental representatives.
7. **Directed the RETI Outreach Committee to plan public meetings in Imperial, Kern and San Bernardino Counties, beginning in April.** In light of the extensive work necessary to complete the draft Phase 2 Report by March 31, the SSC directed that public meetings be deferred to April and later. A meeting or meetings in April could help gather public comment on the draft Phase 2 Report. The Outreach Committee is to consider whether public meetings might be held in different counties on successive days, to minimize travel.
8. **Confirmed March 24 as the date of the next SSC meeting,** at the Public Utilities Commission in San Francisco. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM and adjourn at 4:30 PM. A draft of the Phase 2 Report to be reviewed at this meeting will be sent to the SSC on March 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

February 24, 2009 SSC meeting attendees

SSC members:

PG&E	Kevin Dasso, Curt Hatton
SCE	Shashi Pandey (WebEx); Gary Allen (WebEx)
SDG&E	Jan Strack (for Linda Brown)
IID	Juan Carlos Sandoval (WebEx)
CAISO	Gary DeShazo
SCPPA	Dave Walden
DFG	Scott Flint
USFS	Mike Chapel, Julie Tupper
IEP	Steven Kelly
Geothermal	John McCaull
Solar	Arthur Haubenstock

Wind	Darius Shirmohammadi; Faramarz Nabavi (WebEx)
CEC	Clare Laufenberg Gallardo
Counties	Joe Bertotti
CPUC	Anne Gillette
Farm Bureau	Karen Mills
DRA	Scott Logan
NAHC	Dave Singleton

Not Present:

NRDC	Johanna Wald
Sierra Club	Carl Zichella
Biomass	Gregg Morris
Military	Tony Parisi
SMUD	Mike DeAngelis
LADWP	Mohammed Beshir
Counties	Andy Horne
NCPA	Jim Pope
SDG&E	Mike McClenahan
BLM	Bob Doyel

Coordinating Committee members attending:

CEC	Commissioner Jeff Byron, Commissioner Julia Levin, Chuck Najarian, Laurie ten Hope
CAISO	Yakout Mansour; Robin Smutny-Jones

Observers:

CEC	Jim Bartridge
CPUC	Billie Blanchard
Navigant/	
TANC	David Oliver
Citizen	John Moore

Coordinators:

Rich Ferguson, Dave Olsen – CEERT